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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Noise Exposure Map Notice; Martin County Airport, Stuart, Florida

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its determination that the Noise Exposure Maps submitted by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners for Martin County Airport under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 47501 et. Seq (Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act) and 14 CFR Part 150 are in compliance with applicable requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of the FAA's determination on the noise exposure maps is December 6, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Allan Nagy, Federal Aviation Administration, Orlando Airports District Office, 5950 Hazeltine National Drive, Suite 400, Orlando, Florida 32822, (407) 812-6331, Extension 130.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces that the FAA finds that the Noise Exposure Maps submitted for Martin County Airport are in compliance with applicable requirements of Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 150, effective December 6, 2011. Under 49 U.S.C. section 47503 of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act (the Act), an airport operator may submit to the FAA Noise

Exposure Maps which meet applicable regulations and which depict non-compatible land uses as of the date of submission of such maps, a description of projected aircraft operations, and the ways in which such operations will affect such maps. The Act requires such maps to be developed in consultation with interested and affected parties in the local community, government agencies, and persons using the airport. An airport operator who has submitted Noise Exposure Maps that are found by FAA to be in compliance with the requirements of 14 CFR Part 150, promulgated pursuant to the Act, may submit a Noise Compatibility Program for FAA approval which sets forth the measures the airport operator has taken or proposes to take to reduce existing non-compatible uses and prevent the introduction of additional non-compatible uses.

The FAA has completed its review of the Noise Exposure Maps and accompanying documentation submitted by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners. The documentation that constitutes the “Noise Exposure Maps” as defined in Section 150.7 of 14 CFR Part 150 includes: Table 4-2 Total and Average Annual Day Aircraft Operations, Base Year 2010 and Five-Year Forecast 2015; Table 4-3 Day-Night Split of Operations; Table 4-4 Total and Average Annual Day Aircraft Operations by Aircraft Category Base Year 2010 and Five-Year Forecast 2015; Table 4-5 Total Runway Utilization Rates, Fixed Wing Aircraft; Table 4-6 Night Runway Utilization Rates, Fixed Wing Aircraft; Table 4-7 Total and Night Utilization Rates, Helicopter Aircraft; Figure 4-4 Jet Arrival Flight Tracks ; Figure 4-5 Jet Departure Flight Tracks; Figure 4-6 Propeller Arrival Flight Tracks; Figure 4-7 Propeller Departure Flight Tracks; Figure 4-8 Helicopter Arrival Flight Tracks; Figure 4-9 Helicopter Departure Flight Tracks; Figure 4-10 Touch and Go Flight Tracks; Figure 5-2 2010 Existing Conditions Contours (2010 NEM); Figure 5-3 2015 Five-Year Forecast Conditions Contours (2015 NEM); Attachment 3,

January 25, 2010 FAA Letter Approving 2010 Airport Master Plan Update Forecasts of Aviation Activity; Attachment 4, June 11, 2010 FAA AEE Approval Letter for the Use of Aircraft Substitutions in INM; Attachment 5, Modeled Average Daily Aircraft Operations Existing Conditions 2010 and Five-Year Forecast 2015 Conditions; Attachment 6, Figures A6-1 through A6-7, Flight Tracks by Aircraft Type with Track Assignments; Attachment 7, Flight Track Utilization Rates Existing Conditions 2010 and Five-Year Forecast 2015.

The FAA has determined that these Noise Exposure Maps and accompanying documentation are in compliance with applicable requirements. This determination is effective on December 6, 2011.

FAA's determination on the airport operator's Noise Exposure Maps is limited to a finding that the maps were developed in accordance with the procedures contained in Appendix A of 14 CFR Part 150. Such determination does not constitute approval of the airport operator's data, information or plans, or a commitment to approve a Noise Compatibility Program or to fund the implementation of that Program. If questions arise concerning the precise relationship of specific properties to noise exposure contours depicted on a Noise Exposure Map submitted under Section 47503 of the Act, it should be noted that the FAA is not involved in any way in determining the relative locations of specific properties with regard to the depicted noise exposure contours, or in interpreting the Noise Exposure Maps to resolve questions concerning, for example, which properties should be covered by the provisions of Section 47506 of the Act. These functions are inseparable from the ultimate land use control and planning responsibilities of local government. These local responsibilities are not changed in any way under 14 CFR Part 150 or through FAA's review of Noise Exposure Maps.

Therefore, the responsibility for the detailed overlaying of noise exposure contours onto the map depicting properties on the surface rests exclusively with the airport operator that submitted those maps, or with those public agencies and planning agencies with which consultation is required under Section 47503 of the Act. The FAA has relied on the certification by the airport operator, under Section 150.21 of 14 CFR Part 150, that the statutorily required consultation has been accomplished.

Copies of the full Noise Exposure Maps documentation and of the FAA's evaluation of the maps are available for examination at the following locations:

Federal Aviation Administration

Orlando Airports District Office

5950 Hazeltine National Drive, Suite 400

Orlando, Florida 32822

Questions may be directed to the individual named above under the heading, FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

Issued in Orlando, Florida on December 6, 2011.

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